

Community Investment Program

At Southern Ports, we value our role as a trusted community partner across our regions.

Through Community Investment Program, regional partnerships and support of local businesses, we are proud to invest in initiatives that create enduring and sustained benefits for our communities.

Our program supports a diverse range of community projects and initiatives aligned to our three key funding pillars:

- Environment
- Education
- Community

We are committed to building capability, creating opportunities and helping protect our natural environment to deliver long-term value to our regions.

Our Regions	Funding Pillars	Outcomes
Goldfields-Esperance Great Southern South West	Environment Investing in projects and initiatives that protect and enhance our marine and land environments, biodiversity and sustainability.	Projects or initiatives that: • improve community connection to the regions marine and land environments. • increase participation in marine-based activities. • increase awareness and community participation in clean-up-days or similar initiatives. • protect the local environment, and preserve native flora and fauna. • increase opportunities for environmental awareness and education.
	Education Investing in education and research to build capacity in our regions.	Projects or initiatives that: • increase education and research opportunities within the region. • improve access to education-based initiatives for young people. • increase education related to oceans and waterways within the region. • increase economic capacity of the local communities and regions through education. • improve community access to better educational facilities and infrastructure.
	Community Supporting initiatives and programs in our communities that connect and grow stronger regions.	Projects or initiatives that: • build a sense of belonging within the local community. • deliver enduring benefit to local communities through infrastructure. • support recreational, sporting and arts activities that encourage community participation. • recognise and celebrate the Traditional Custodians of the land and cultural heritage. • connect and build community through diversity and inclusion activities and programs. • support project or initiatives that connect communities to the oceans, beaches and waterways in the regions. • support at-risk or vulnerable members of our communities.

Application Guidelines

To be considered for Community Investment Program (CIP) sponsorship, it is important that you read the guidelines below.

Applications are assessed on the responses provided in the application form and they should clearly align with one of our funding pillars and how the project supports one or more of the objectives.

Who can apply?

Applications will be considered from the following:

- not for profit organisations or groups
- incorporated community associations
- educational institutions
- local government authorities
- sporting clubs and associations

Applicants must hold an ABN or are under the auspice of an organisation.

Applications will **NOT** be considered from:

- applicants whose projects, programs, events or activities conflict, or are perceived to be in conflict, with Southern Ports organisational values.
- commercial businesses.
- individuals/sole traders.

**Applicants without an ABN can apply under the auspice of another organisation.*

What is excluded?

Support will **NOT** be given for:

- individuals
- political activities
- religious activities
- private companies or commercial entities
- operating costs of an organisation
- project management, advertising and/or marketing costs
- donations or gratuities
- organisations that have not acquitted previous Southern Ports funding
- retrospective funding

Southern Ports does not:

- accept gratuitous favours as a result of this application
- provide donations
- accept gifts linked to a sponsored event or initiative

How to apply

To apply for sponsorship, please complete the application form through our online grant portal, along any supporting documentation that will help our committee assess your application.

Once you have commenced an application through our portal, you can save and come back at any time. However, all application must be submitted by the closing date.

Application process

Southern Ports will notify all applicants to acknowledge the application has been received. You will also be advised within 4 weeks of the closing date if you are successful.

If your application is successful, you will be sent a Sponsorship Agreement. The agreement will detail the funding provided and will also include a liability disclaimer that you will need to sign and return to Southern Ports along with a tax invoice for payment.

Please note, the funds you receive from Southern Ports must be used for the project outlined in the Sponsorship Agreement and are not transferable to another party.

Any unspent funds are required to be returned to Southern Ports.

Sponsorship acknowledgement

All successful applicants will be asked to acknowledge Southern Ports' contribution in an appropriate form (e.g. newsletter, brochure, banner, media).

Contact

If you require further information or assistance completing your application form, please contact our Sponsorship Coordinator.

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